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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT TWO NOTICES OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND LINKAGE AND RE-ENGAGEMENT TO HIV MEDICAL SERVICES**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 29, 2015, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) resulting from CDC-RFA-PS15-1506, Health Department Demonstration Projects to Reduce HIV Infections and Improve Engagement in HIV Medical Care among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender Persons (Health Department Demonstration Projects) for the anticipated period of September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2018, at a total amount estimated not to exceed \$21,000,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept the following:

- 1) CDC NA Number 1U62PS005037-01, issued on September 2, 2015, in the amount of \$1,904,384 for Category 1 funding, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Support Demonstration Projects Targeting MSM and Transgender Persons at Substantial Risk of Acquiring HIV, for the budget period effective September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016 (Year 1). Under this NA, the Department of Public Health (DPH) was required to submit a response to the comments outlined in the CDC Summary Statement Review of DPH's award application and a revised budget that included a narrative justification and a work plan, which were submitted by the October 30, 2015 due date. A portion of the funds, \$34,459, has been restricted pending submission of an approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- 2) CDC NA Number 1U62PS005037-01 REVISED, issued on September 18, 2015, in the amount of \$2,595,616 for Category 2 funding, Data to Care Demonstration Projects that use Surveillance Data Sources to Identify MSM and Transgender Persons not in Care, for the budget period effective September 30, 2015 through

September 29, 2016. Under this NA, DPH was also required to submit a revised budget that included a narrative justification and a work plan by October 30, 2015. An extension was granted to DPH due to the extensive revisions required to the originally-proposed budget and work plan due to a reduced award. The extension was necessary to allow DPH Division of HIV and STD Programs to ensure the appropriate steps were being followed to secure sufficient staffing resources to implement this new project. DPH submitted the revised budget and narrative justification on November 13, 2015.

These NAs represent a combined total award of \$4,500,000 for the Health Department Demonstration Projects for the budget period effective September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016. Due to the large volume of staffing resources required to do linkage to care activities under this NA, DPH will return to your Board in 2016 to request your approval of the allocation of additional personnel items.

This funding will allow DPH to increase local capacity to offer comprehensive and robust PrEP services, identify those with HIV who are unaware of their status, link and retain them in care, and ultimately reduce the number of new HIV diagnoses, suppress HIV viral load, and improve overall health outcomes by reducing health disparities among vulnerable communities in Los Angeles County.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the NAs as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors